

Morning Telegram.

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TOWN TALK.

Catters will be again in demand this morning.

"Romany Rye" at Powers's Opera House to-night.

Two lodgers were accommodated at headquarters last night.

Business in the money order department at the postoffice is picking up.

The millard murder trial will be resumed at two o'clock this afternoon.

The Industrial School on Summit street is attended by about twenty pupils.

There are eighty-four pupils attending the night school in the old Fenian school house.

The diamond monopolist Chas. L. Davis, will appear in his "Alvin Jostin" on Christmas night.

The Royal Templars give another of those delightful free entertainments at their hall, 62 Monroe street, this evening.

Several cases of garroting have been reported during the past week, mostly in the suburbs and on the back streets.

Both the Western Union and the Baltimore & Ohio Telegraph Companies have issued orders cutting off all pay for extra work until further notice.

The ladies of the W. C. T. U. will give a reception in the Eagle Hotel parlors Wednesday evening, to which all the friends of temperance are cordially invited.

The Phoenix Furniture Company has received eleven loaded cars of mahogany logs, which will be converted at once into lumber and manufactured into furniture.

The collection to be lifted in the Westminster Church on Sunday next, will be devoted to the use of the Sunday school children for a Christmas celebration.

The committee on schools of the Board of Education held a meeting on Saturday evening, and decided to recommend that the compulsory school law be more rigidly enforced.

A large, fashionable and intelligent audience listened to the Twin and Cable readings at Powers's, on Saturday evening. The readings given by the two humorists gave the best of satisfaction.

Rev. P. Macfarlane has resigned the rectory of St. Paul's. The resignation to take effect Jan. 1. Mrs. Macfarlane's health demanding an immediate change of climate necessitated the resignation.

A man named C. E. Smith lost his pocket-book, containing \$180 in the postoffice on Saturday afternoon. He left it on the desk in the money order office while he went to mail a letter, and when he returned his pocket-book had vanished.

David Hannerman, a plumber, was arrested last night at 11:35 o'clock on Canal street, in a boozing state of intoxication. Hannerman had been turned out of one lodging-house and was trying to make Lampman's when Officer Doherty took him in out of the snow.

The Church of Christ of this city, which has been without a pastor since the resignation of Rev. J. H. Hammond last March, has lately secured the services of Rev. W. F. Richardson, of Denver, Col. He began his pastoral labors yesterday. He comes very highly recommended as a preacher and church worker.

On Saturday Chief Detective Moran recovered the Texas steer horns stolen from the Morton House some time ago, and also some revolvers and overcoats, which were also stolen from the hotel. Two ex-bell-boys were arrested, one pleaded guilty and was sentenced to ninety days at Ionia and the other is locked up awaiting trial.

The gambling halls have become so bold as to run with almost open doors at all hours of the day and night. There are nineteen gambling establishments in the city, and any number of smaller institutions where games of chance is the attraction. Mayor Holman is thinking seriously upon the subject and a general cleaning out may follow in the near future.

PERSONAL.

Mr. J. M. Bowman left for Muncy, Pa., last night, to be absent a month.

R. E. Cockburn, of Muskegon, was in the city Saturday looking up the roller-rink business.

J. C. Chilton, of the well-known publishing firm of J. C. Chilton & Co., Detroit, who has been stopping at the Rathbun House for a few days, left for home last evening.

Miss Emma Hobbes, sister of Mr. J. F. Hobbes, city editor of The Times, left Saturday evening for Omaha, where she will spend the holidays with her parents and friends.

Mr. L. M. Cary received a dispatch yesterday that his father, Daniel C. Cary, aged 91 years, had died in Aldine, his home. Mr. Cary leaves this morning to attend the funeral.

BENEFIT CONCERT.

In Which Some of the Best Local Talent Will Participate.

Lovers of good music will appreciate the excellence of the following program to be given at East street M. E. Church to-morrow evening:

Tennant March. List-Wagner.

Song—"The Sentimental Man." Watson.

Quartet—"O Solemn Midnight." Coe & Robertson, H. A. Stuart, W. H. Loomis, H. J. Kirkland.

Song—"Fidelity." Rosecki.

Song—"Once Again." Sullivan.

Song—"The Waiting Heart." Torrey.

"Gems of Scotland." Rive King.

Song—"The Fog Bell." Pontet.

Prize—"Ave Maria." Lazel.

Song—"Sleep Well, Sleep Well." Aht.

Quartet—"When the Bells of Daylight Fade." Emerson & Robertson, H. A. Stuart, W. H. Loomis, H. J. Kirkland.

Song—"Somebody's Pride." Watson.

Duo—"Solids and Harmonies." Mendelssohn.

A Pleasant Surprise.

Saturday evening was the sixty-ninth anniversary of Alderman T. D. Gilbert's birthday, and Mrs. Gilbert prepared a surprise party for him. In the evening when he came home he found Mayor Belknap, City Attorney Ramsom, City Clerk Belknap, Marshall Green, Chaplain Fluhner, Alderman Albright, Brewster, Croque, Grady, Lammere, More, Nester, Palmer, Pierce, Rastad, and Yates. He was taken completely by surprise. An elegant supper was served, and the evening was spent in congratulatory addresses, music, etc. It was a most appropriate and happy event.

More mirth was engendered by those of clothing than by mirth.

M. E. CENTENARY CELEBRATION.

Addresses by Judge Stone, J. H. Powell and Rev. Dr. Gilbert.

The services at the Division street M. E. church last evening were characterized as a "platform meeting," and the addresses were, for the most part, by laymen. The themes chosen had special adaptation to the centenary celebration now being observed by all Methodist churches throughout the land. To Hon. J. W. Stone was assigned the first topic: "Our Debt to the Fathers."

Judge Stone characterized the Methodist Episcopal church as the American church; the church that had its foundation contemporary with American independence. He reviewed the labors of John Wesley in planting the Methodist church upon this continent and the work of the first two American bishops, Pope and Asbury. His tribute to Wesley was a well-worded and beautiful eulogy upon the man. He spoke of him as a man essentially in advance of his age, as the enemy of vice and slavery, as the friend of the poor and oppressed, and as the cheerful giver to every charitable enterprise, and gave Southey's, Coleridge's and Macaulay's estimate of him. America was predestined to be the great field for Methodist development. In this development she has ever been loyal to the republic. Born almost together, side by side have they advanced. The Methodist Episcopal conference was the first to recognize the new republic, first to congratulate the republic over the success of the rebellion. It was Lincoln who said: "The Methodist Church sent more soldiers to the field, more nurses to the hospitals, more prayers to heaven during the rebellion than any other church." Methodism has taken advantage of the indications of Providence and now occupies the most enviable position.

J. H. Powell, of the Congregational Church, spoke of "Methodism and Other Denominations." He was only a representative of a sister denomination that wished to express good-will to Methodists. Other denominations, he said, owed to Methodists a debt of gratitude for their unwavering confidence in Jesus Christ. Methodism has grown because it has held fast to the power of the gospel. Other denominations should thank Methodists for the history of their heroism and simplicity. The Methodist Episcopal Church, more than any other, was the church for the masses. Methodism is also to be commended by sister denominations for its enthusiasm and warm-heartedness. A Methodist is enthusiastic or is nothing. It is also to be commended for the doctrinal influence it has had over Calvinism.

Rev. Dr. Gilbert spoke in closing of "Our Vantage Ground." He gave two points as the great secrets of Methodist success in this country. One was the doctrinal basis upon which the church rests. The one great purpose of the church has been the saving of souls. The twenty-five articles of faith were so framed that any evangelical minister could subscribe to them; theirs was a creed that all could accept. John Wesley, in its formation, had cut out and omitted all those points that would cause fruitless discussion and controversy, and left only such articles as any believer could readily accept. The second great point was the church government. The comparison between the church organization and that of our civil government is very striking and similar. The church was conservative and yet progressive. The church stands facing the future ready to adopt or exclude anything from its creed or methods that shall hinder the one great object—the saving of men.

RESPONSIBILITIES IN LIFE.

The Rev. James M. Barclay at the Westminster Presbyterian Church.

A fair-sized audience, considering the snowy weather that prevailed, assembled last evening to hear the Rev. James M. Barclay, of Hillsdale, at the Westminster Presbyterian Church. The reverend gentleman read the eighth chapter of Corinthians as a lesson, and chose the seventh verse of the fourteenth chapter of Romans for a text: "For none of us liveth to himself and no man dieth to himself." In this life, the speaker said, no man can make a cypher of himself. Man is an entity, and it is not possible for him to ignore or crowd this fact out. He cannot put himself into a glass house and thus insulate himself from society. Every human liveth and dieth. In the Greek text "none" and "no man" are synonymous and in its reading in the text it is so put, to make it strongly emphatic of our duties and obligations to our fellow man. In a fit of misanthropy, men are wont to declare they have no force or influence in the world. But the text and experience of life show that this is not true, and none are so small but they are impinged about by others and influence them more or less. The physicists say a pebble dropped in the sea causes waves that impress their minute force upon the waves and billows of the mighty deep, until they break upon the most distant shore: so the waves of influence in our lives, whether living or dying, influence others and show we cannot live or die unto ourselves. Every man is either a plus or minus quantity; if for good, a plus, if for evil, minus, and the moral man who does not embrace Christianity resembles a mathematical paradox, or a plus-minus quantity whose resultant influence is negative and the more moral he is the more evil his influence may work by example on others. Every man will have to render an account of his stewardship and for the manner he has used this mysterious force called "influence," which lasts during his entire existence from the cradle to the grave. The speaker carried the logic of the text and his conclusions throughout his entire discourse, clothing his thoughts in beautiful language and with apt illustrations.

A Work of Art.

A superb stone work of railroad engineering, spanning a stream in a mountainous country, beautifully delineated in colors, with shadows and perspective almost perfect, is exhibited in the show window at No. 30 Pearl street and attracted the full share of attention on Saturday. To make the artist picture more "binding," or perhaps more utilitarian, a weather-beaten poster is drawn on the wall, with those words on it: "Fast time, new coaches, solid trains, exposition, over the Grand Rapids & Indiana R. R. Co. L. L. Lockwood, General Passenger Agent." Of course the train on the bridge is one of the prospective extension feature from this city bound for New Orleans.

AMUSEMENTS.

A Grand Concert at Redmond's Last Night.

The concert given at Redmond's Grand Opera House last night was the best in point of attendance, in the execution of the program and in the directorship, yet given in the series; and in saying directorship nothing is meant derogatory to Mr. Lawson, who had conducted the concerts up to last night, a painstaking, persevering artist, but not so good a director as Prof. Wellenstein but may be when he can count as many years in the calendar as the latter. Every selection on the program was given with vim and precision as well as with manifestation of confidence on the part of the performers. Prof. Wellenstein seemed to control every movement in the music with as much ease as though he had an immense electric battery and wires attached to each musician, which he jerked when it was their turn to "spiel," softly or forcibly. The program comprised twelve numbers, two of which were singing by a quartette composed of Messrs. Schultze, Wurzburg, L. Hahn, and F. C. Bram, who rendered their selections with nice taste and good time. Geo. Smith was down for a solo, "The Fog Bell," but owing to some misunderstanding through which there was no piano in the house Mr. Smith could not appear, thereby disappointing a good number of those present. That these concerts are going to be one of the most popular features of the season's amusements is vouchsafed in the splendid audience present last evening, and a fashionable one it was too.

"Romany Rye" To-Night.

The "Romany Rye" company, which appears at Powers's to-morrow night closed a very successful engagement in Chicago on Saturday evening. The company is strong and the scenery entirely new. An exchange says of the production:

There was a perfectness of detail, a smoothness in the working of the machinery, a fullness of effect in the grand scenes and thrilling situations, and a naturalness in the bright comedy portions, which is seldom attained in the presentation of plays. These with the original scenery and the excellence of the acting, the characters, taken all in all, having never been so well played, presented a grand whole, such as is a pleasure to witness. The magnificent scenes—"The Gipsy Encampment," "Crusades in the Moonlight," "The Hampton Race Course," "Thames River Embankment," and "The Wreck of the Saratoga," never showed to better advantage than last evening.

The Planter's Wife.

Of the "Planter's Wife," which will be given at Redmond's on Thursday night, the Buffalo Courier had the following:

There was another large and fashionable audience present last evening to witness the second presentation of the "Planter's Wife." The piece is very cleverly worked out, the incidents and situations tending nearer probability than is usually to be found in society plays. The dialogue is never wearisome, and on the whole, above the average in literary merit. The tale is so full of interest and striking dramatic situations that the audience are held spell-bound from the rising to the falling of the curtain.

Roland Reed is underlined to follow the "Planter's Wife."

It is a notable fact that seven of the nine musicians in Powers's Opera House orchestra have played together in that theater ever since it was built. Traveling companies are unanimous in saying that it is the best orchestra in the State.

A NARROW ESCAPE.

Three Young Ladies Thrown From a Carriage by a Frightened Horse.

What came near being a serious accident occurred at the corner of Monroe and Ionia streets Saturday forenoon as the fire department supply-wagon was going to Almond street in response to the alarm sounded from box 9. A horse attached to a buggy containing Miss Addie Wilmarth, Miss Lynne Edie and Miss Hattie Hopkins, of Grand Haven, became frightened as the supply-wagon passed, overturned the buggy, throwing the ladies out, and then ran as far as Lewis street, where he was caught. Fortunately, the ladies were not seriously injured. Joseph W. Downes, who was driving the supply-wagon, rang his gong as he came to the corner, in accordance with the rules of the department. He states that he did not know the horse driven by the ladies was frightened until, when some distance past the corner, his attention was called to the fact, and he looked back and saw the horse coming. Mr. Downes has driven the supply-wagon day and night for four years, and has never before been the occasion of a single accident. He regrets that this one should have occurred, although it was unavoidable, so far as he is concerned.

Emphatically Recommended.

The Michigan Catholic, of Detroit, makes the following handsome reference to an institution in which the Valley City takes pride. With personal acquaintance with the practical merits of the Grand Rapids Commercial College, we can most emphatically recommend it to the patronage of those intending to engage in mercantile or commercial pursuits. Its curriculum includes instruction in all branches of business, thoroughly administered by Prof. Sprengburg and his able assistant, Mr. W. J. Welton. We congratulate the aspiring young men of the Valley City on the excellent facilities for acquiring a superior business training which their local college affords.

Millinery Goods at J. J. Van Leuven's selling at half value.

The Sohmer.

No piano of late has gained so rapidly in reputation as the Sohmer. It has driven most of the old make out of the concert rooms and the theatres on account of its merit, and is now used in New York City exclusively at the following theaters: Casino, Fifth Avenue, New Park Theater, New York Comedy, Theatre Comique, People's Theater, etc., and is preferred in this city by our leading pianists over all others for private as well as concert rooms. Within a year Mr. Paul W. Friedrich, No. 34 Monroe street, has placed four magnificent Sohmer grands in this city, which sing the praise and excellence of tone and workmanship, and for a Christmas present nobody can find anything better than the Sohmer.

Get your Christmas gifts at J. J. Van Leuven's, 70 Monroe street.

Friedrich Bros., 30 and 32 Canal street, invite the musical public, in search of elegant holiday presents, to call at their store, where may be found the largest and most complete stock of Pianos, Organs, Sheet Music and Musical Merchandise in the city. This firm keeps also for sale an elegant line of Albums, Autographs, Scrap Books, Gold Pens, Penholders, and a great many other goods suitable for Christmas presents.

Christmas Goods Given Away.

The public will find it profitable to remember Winiger in the Porter block before completing their holiday purchases. His preparations have been extensive, and in expectation of doing a large trade he marked all goods at bed-rock prices. The holiday rush has already commenced, and our readers should call before the assortment is broken.

If you do not delay, you may see the immense stock of goods at B. F. Winiger's, 5 North Division street, where you will find everything marked in plain figures, and all at bottom prices. Look his goods over before purchasing. They were all bought direct from headquarters, and are first class in every way. Below we give a few of the many articles to be found at this store:

In Games, you will find Sliced Birds, Animals, Nations and Objects, at 25c; Pictorial Metagrams, 35c; New Games—Domino Rex, Lost Diamond, Bounce, Fox and Geese, etc.; 25c; Mariner's Compass, Ten Up, Rant, etc., 50c; Anagrams, Old Maid, Puzzling Eight, Locks and Keys, Yankee Letter Cards, Totem, Author's Plank, Jack Straws, Corn and Beans, Loto, etc., etc., 10c, 15c and 20c; Checkers, Dominoes, Dice, Dice Cups, Checker Boards, Backgammon Boards, Go Hang, Ambuscade, etc., 10c to 30c; New Building Blocks, A B C Blocks, Embossed Blocks, from 5c to \$1.25; Boys' Tool Chests, all sizes, 10c to \$1; Smashed up Locomotive, Model Ship, Puzzles, etc., 25c to 75c; Cribbage Boards, 15c to \$1.50; Playing Cards, Toy Banks, and Mouth Organs 5c to 50c.

An immense assortment of Juvenile Books ranging from 25c to \$1.50.

Writing Desks in Plush, Wood and Leatherette, 25c to \$3.

Stereoscopes and Views, all prices.

An elegant line of Photograph and Autograph Albums, in Plush and Leather, bought from importers, all the way from 15c to \$8.

Silk Plush Photo-albums, overstocked and closing out at \$3.15 and \$3.75, worth \$5 and \$6. Don't fail to see them.

Ladies' Hand Bags, large assortment, 50c to \$3.

Cork Boxes in Leather and Plush, Comb and Brush Sets, Fancy Box Stationery, Velvet Frames, Plush Purses, Card Cases, Gents' Wallets, Coin Bags and Purses, Bill Books, etc., all marked way down. Cigar Cases and Cigarette Cases, 25c to \$5.

Bibles, Testaments, Common Prayer and Hymnals, 1885 Diaries, Scrap Books and Christmas Cards, at 10, 15, 20, 25, 35, 45, 55, 64, 75, 98, \$1.75 and \$2.

Webster's Unabridged Dictionary, \$9. What better for a Christmas present?

An Elegant Assortment of Christmas Cards and Fringed Books.

Portfolios in Leather, Plush and Canvas, \$1 to \$3.

Red Line Edition of the Poets, 75c.

Whittier, Tennyson and Longfellow, handsomely bound, \$1.95.

Ballads by Carleton, \$1.75 per vol.

E. P. Roe's Complete works, \$1.20 per volume.

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Christmas numbers of London News, Graphic and Holy Leaves.

Subscriptions taken for all American and Foreign newspapers and periodicals at lowest possible rates.

Turkish and Russian Baths.

The new Turkish and Russian Bath House, at the corner of Monroe and Ionia streets, M. S. LaBoursier proprietor, is becoming the most popular place in the city. It will be open for gentlemen every week day except Friday, from 7 a. m. to 9 p. m.; Sunday from 7 a. m. until noon, and Saturdays until midnight. Ladies every Friday from 7 a. m. to 9 p. m.

Santa Claus is at H. Leonard & Sons. Children should see him and tell him what they want for Christmas.

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Curiosities of Trade.

The cheapening of merchandise is a remarkable feature of our commercial life. This is apparent in the prices at which Holiday Goods are offered by some of our leading stores. For instance for five cents you can buy a China Mug, Tin Cup, China Doll, Toy Watch, China Figure, Tin Toy on wheels, Savings Bank, Goblet, Salt Cellar, Glass Plate, Nest Egg, Bisque Figure, China Vase, China Toy Pitcher, Rattle and Whistle, Buttonhole Bouquet Holder, Fringed Christmas Card, Ac., Ac.

For Ten Cents you can buy a China Cup and Saucer, Bohemian Vase 6, 7 or 8 inches high, Child's A B C Plate, Child's Picture Mug, China or Majolica Cream Pitcher, Large Glass Mug, Engraved Goblet, Fancy Tin Cup or Pail, Wooden Toy Pail, Whisk Broom, Majolica Begonia Leaf, Large Fringed Christmas Card, Ac.

For Twenty-Five Cents you can buy a Cologne Bottle, 1, 2, 3 or 4 oz., richly cut or decorated; 8 oz. cut Stopper Cologne, for covering with satin; Vinagrette; Crystal Thermometer; Fancy Ink Bottle; Crystal Bouquet Holder; China Vase, with raised flowers; Toothpick Holder; Comic Bisque Figure; China Jewel Box; Bronze Match Box; Kiota Ash Receiver; Bohemian Colored Bottle; Powder Box; China Milk Pitcher; China Fruit Plate; China Fruit Basket in wire frame; Majolica Water Pitcher; Cramb Brush and Tray; Decorated Bread and Milk Set; Decorated Cup and Saucer and Plate; handsome Bohemian Vase, 8, 9 or 10 inches high; Shells of Ocean.

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